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reactive gas consisting essentially of SO₃, wherein the reactive gas is not activated by the plasma unit." None of the applied references, either alone or in combination with one another, teach all of the elements of Claim 39. Accordingly, new Claim 39 is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

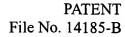
For the reasons recited above, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. An additional claim fee of \$125 is believed to be due. The Director is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-1275 for payment of such fee, and any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this amendment and any extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

This responds to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006 for the above-referenced application. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.

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